Today - I can legally record any thing that comes on my television, the broadcasters cannot and do not control when or where I record anything. This was decided in the Sony BetaMax decision a long time ago.

With the advent of High Definition Television - consumers are suppose to get better pictures, and better sound.

Today we are in a digital age - I would expect to be able to record something using 'digital quality' - ie: Like my CD recorder on my PC, and now my DVD recorder can record DIGITAL quality.

As a consumer, I would expect to be able to record the shows using a new high definition digital recorder. Why would I not expect anything less?

Excuse me - I don't mean a degraded mode of recording - I mean the same quality that my high definition television produces, nothing less. Its digital right? The image is perfect - I now have a digital recorder, why then should i not be able to record shows digitally?

Congress tried this before - remember the DAT Tapes? And the serial copy managment chip that was required in all devices? What happened to that market? It fizzled into non existance, consumers never benifited from the products.

Consumers will reject this bull and they will not benifit.

This is a stupid idea that should be rejected.

Thank you for your time.